

REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/974,511
Filing Date	October 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masahiro KAWAKAMI
Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Melvyn J. Andrews
Attorney Docket Number	00447CD/HG

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 5, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other Petition for Extension

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-1378

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Checks in the amount of \$750 & \$520 are enclosed

- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	August 26, 2003

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